



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** November 18, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Nawadaha Boulevard and Minnehaha Ave Reconstruction:  
Designation, Cost Estimate, and Set Public Hearings  
(Project No 9664)**

### Recommendation:

- A. Pass a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the Nawadaha Boulevard and Minnehaha Ave Reconstruction Project No 6749 street improvement project.
- B. Adopt a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$2,000,000 for the street reconstruction project, the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Construction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2015 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held the second Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting of January 2015, before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- C. Set a Public Hearing to be held at the January 20, 2015 Transportation and Public Works Committee to consider the abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the street construction project and direct staff to give notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

These Resolutions may be authorized for summary publication.

### Previous Directives:

November 19, 2013 – Reconstruction Layout Approval

### Department Information

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## **Financial Impact**

- Action is within the Business Plan

## **Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Living well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life. High-quality and convenient transportation options connect every corner of the city.
- A hub of economic activity and innovation: Businesses – big and small – start, move, stay and grow here. Infrastructure, public services and community assets support businesses and commerce.
- Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected. We manage and improve the city's infrastructure for current and future needs.

## **Supporting Information**

The purpose of this letter is to designate the location, streets and improvements, and establish the special assessment improvement proceedings for the street reconstruction improvements. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2015 and 2016.

### Scope

The proposed project consists of full reconstruction of Minnehaha Av from the limits of the adjacent Hennepin County project near 46<sup>th</sup> St E to Nawadaha Blvd and also full reconstruction of Nawadaha Blvd from Minnehaha Av to approximately 250 feet west of Minnehaha Av. This includes, at minimum, full removal of the existing street surface, subgrade correction, aggregate base, paving, curb and gutter, signage, drive approaches, and pedestrian curb ramps. Street lighting along Minnehaha Av is proposed for this project. The proposed project is currently planned for construction in 2015.

### Schedule and Funding

The project is planned to be constructed in the 2015 construction seasons. The project cost estimate is \$2,000,000.

The City of Minneapolis 2014 Adopted Budget appropriated funding for the PV067 Nawadaha Blvd & Minnehaha Ave reconstruction project including:

- \$975,000 in net debt bonds;
- \$640,000 in Municipal State Aid funds;
- \$345,000 in special assessment bonds; and
- \$120,000 in stormwater revenue.

### Abandonment and Removal of Conflicting Areaways

Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances provides a procedure for dealing with areaway encroachments that would interfere with public improvements being made in the public right-of-way such as street construction. Before the City may abandon and remove conflicting areaways (upon the failure of the abutting property owner to resolve or agree to resolve the conflict) and then later assess the costs, a public hearing must be held. It is our recommendation that this areaway public hearing be held in conjunction with the Nawadaha Boulevard and Minnehaha Avenue Reconstruction Project Approval and Public Hearing. Prior to the areaway public hearing notices being given, the City Engineer will have provided the initial notice required in Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Attachment 1 – Project Map

CC: CM A. Johnson  
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimation and Taxation

ATTACHMENT 1

PROJECT MAP



**T&PW** – Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution and its accompanying Committee Report designating the locations and streets to be improved in the Nawadaha Blvd and Minnehaha Ave Reconstruction Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No 6749.

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**NAWADAHA BOULEVARD AND MINNEHAHA AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION  
PROJECT**

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING STREET NO. 6749**

**Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the locations described hereinafter.**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the following existing streets within the City of Minneapolis are hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, **Section 8** of the Minneapolis City Charter, by paving with plant mix asphalt and concrete, with concrete curb and gutter all on a stabilized base and including other street paving related improvements as needed.

Minnehaha Ave from Nawadaha Blvd to 46<sup>th</sup> St E; and

Nawadaha Blvd from Minnehaha Ave west 250 feet

**T&PW** – Your Committee, having received a cost estimate of \$2,000,000 for street construction improvements and a list of benefited properties for certain locations in the Nawadaha Blvd and Minnehaha Ave Reconstruction Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 6749, as designated by Resolution 2014R-\_\_\_\_\_, passed **December 5, 2014**, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Construction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2015 Uniform Assessment Rates as per **Resolution 2014R-\_\_\_\_\_, passed November 14, 2014**.

Your Committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee during the committee meeting on the second cycle of January, 2015, in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the construction of the above designated street location, and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.